

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-5-12

Issued at Petersburg, Thursday, April
26, 2012.

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday, July
15, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057) allows for liberalized sport fishing regulations for the marine waters of District 8 when an allowable harvest of Stikine River king salmon exists. The 2012 preseason terminal forecast for large Stikine River king salmon is 40,800 fish, with a resulting U.S. allowable harvest of 5,890 large Stikine River king salmon as determined by the Pacific Salmon Commission. Under this scenario, the plan provides that from May 1 through July 15, all sport anglers may use two rods each when fishing for king salmon with a resident bag limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of six king salmon. The plan also provides for a nonresident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of two king salmon with an annual limit of six king salmon 28 inches or greater in length. This emergency order implements those provisions. In the marine waters outside of District 8, the provisions of Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-12 issued on March 29, 2012 remain in effect.

REGULATION: Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, May 1 through Sunday, July 15, 2012:

5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for seasons and bag, possession, and size limits, methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity,

(1) In the waters of District 8 as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d);

(A) as specified in 5 AAC 47.057, the following king salmon regulations are in effect May 1-July 15:

(i) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 47.030(b) and 5 AAC 47.036(c), sport fishing for king salmon may be conducted with the use of two rods per angler;

(ii) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and a possession limit of six king salmon;

(iii) the nonresident bag limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, a possession limit of two king salmon; and an annual limit of six king salmon;

(iv) no more than six lines may be fished from any vessel, as specified in 5 AAC 47.030(b) and 5 AAC 47.036(c).

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Douglas F. Fleming,

Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in the marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell are managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) and may be modified by the Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The objective of the latter management plan is to allow for additional sport fishing opportunity when the Stikine River king salmon run is projected to exceed escapement needs and provide for an allowable catch. The 2012 preseason projection for the Stikine River king salmon stock is 40,800 fish with a U.S. allowable catch of 5,890 king salmon as determined by the Transboundary Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission which allows the department to liberalize king salmon harvest opportunities for this area.

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